

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-7 remain pending in the application. By the foregoing Amendment, claim 6 has been amended to correct a minor informality.

The Office Action returned the March 11, 2003, Information Disclosure Statement, but did not acknowledge JPA 2000-059385 which was submitted with an English-language abstract. Furthermore, the Office Action did not acknowledge the April 20, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement which was filed with the original application. Prompt acknowledgement and return of the respective PTO-1449 forms, copies of which are submitted herewith, are respectfully requested.

On page 2 of the Office Action, independent claims 1 and 7, along with various dependent claims, are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,425,008 to Lecheler et al. (Lecheler); and on page 4 of the Office Action, dependent claims 4 and 5 are rejected as being unpatentable over the Lecheler patent. These rejections are respectfully traversed. For example, the Lecheler patent does not disclose or suggest "deriving, by the at least one management computer, an identification of each collection computer from the identifier tag; and identifying to a user the source of the event using the identification of each collection computer" as recited in claim 1, and as similarly cited in claim 7.

In accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, when a management computer receives event information including the identifier tag and when the management computer needs to display or use the source of an event, the management computer can, for example, derive the domain name of the collection computer from the identifier tag contained in the event (see, e.g., the specification at

paragraph [0024]). Such an exemplary identification of domain of a collection station at the management station for unique identification of the source of an event is encompassed by Applicants' claims 1 and 7.

The Lecheler patent uses a level one manager to detect errors within a customer domain 12, and to produce an error signal as well as a unique location identifier (which identifies a location of the error). See column 4, lines 15-42. The Lecheler patent therefore resolves the unique location identifier at the level one manager 34 (column 5, lines 36-66; Figure 3). A unique identification of the source of the event is not resolved at a management computer by deriving an identification of each collection computer from an identifier tag. For example, as shown in Fig. 3 of the Lecheler patent the mapping table 84 which converts the network address into a unique domain name resides with the level 1 manager 34, and not the Fig. 1 "Level 2 Manager 40."

In addition, the Lecheler patent seeks to resolve the unique location identifier by mapping the network address of the node or interface link which experienced the error to a unique domain name (column 5, line 63 through column 6, line 4). In contrast to Applicants' claims 1 and 7, the domain name of a collection computer is not uniquely identified by a management computer (see, e.g., Applicants' specification at paragraph [0024]). Applicants' claims 1 and 7 recite, for example, that a management computer derives an identification of the each collection computer from an identifier tag to identify to a user the source of an event. The Lecheler patent does not disclose or suggest at least these recited claimed features.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant's claims 1 and 7 are allowable over the Lecheler patent. The remaining claims depend from independent claim 1 and recite

additional advantageous features which further distinguish over the document relied upon by the Examiner. As such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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